



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Departments of Public Works and Human Resources

Date: September 20, 2013

To: Mayor R. T. Rybak and Executive Committee

Referral to: Chair Betsy Hodges, Ways & Means Budget Committee

Subject: **Parking Benefits for Appointed Employees**

Recommendation: Amend the parking benefits for appointed employee to provide a non-reserved space in the Courthouse Ramp as the City-paid parking option for appointed employees who work in the downtown campus.

Previous Directives: May 7, 1999 City Council action (Petition #264809) approving changes and improvements to the appointed employee benefit package including City-paid parking up to the monthly rate for a non-reserved parking space at the Gateway Ramp (2013 rate is \$139 per month).

Department Information

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Financial Impact

- Other financial impact – The change to appointed employee parking will result in a small increase to the operating budgets of all departments. The increase is estimated to be approximately \$13,000 annually across all departments and will be corrected in the 2014 budget appropriation.

Supporting Information

As part of the 2013 City budget, the City Council authorized an employee subsidy for the Metropass transit program to be funded through the Parking Fund managed by Public Works. To address this funding matter and to move all "City-paid" employee or department parking to City-owned facilities, Public Works has developed and will be implementing a new approach to "City-paid" parking. "City-paid" parking includes all the downtown campus parking by departments, elected and appointed officials or other city employees that is funded by the City. Currently, most of these parking spaces are located in the Haaf Ramp (City-owned) and the Gateway Ramp (privately-owned). Over the course of the next two months, all "City-paid" parking will be relocated to the Courthouse Ramp (under the Federal Courthouse) which is owned by the City of Minneapolis.

In October, the Courthouse Ramp will be discontinuing all transient parking and will be offering monthly contract parking only. The new Courthouse Ramp monthly parking rates will be effective October 1, 2013 as follows:

- \$145 per month plus state sales tax = \$154.97 for a stall, or
- \$290 per month plus state sales tax = \$309.94 for a reserved stall.